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Application Title: Non-Nucleic Acid Probes, Probe Sets, Method and Kits
Pertaining To The Detection Of Human Chromosomes X, Y,
1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, and 18
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Reply To Office Action

Commissioner for Patents
Dear Sir or Madam:

A petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an automatic three-month extension of time to reply to the present office action has been included with the papers accompanying this submission. With this extension, the due date for response is Thursday, July 8, 2004. Accordingly, please consider the following response to the Office Action mailed on January 8, 2004.

I. ACTION SUMMARY

Claims 1, 2, 10, 11, 12, 29, 31, 33, 34, 38, 39, 40, 45, 47, 49, 50, 55, 56, 64, 65, 66, 78, 79 and 80 stand pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 29, 31, 33, 34, 38, 39, 40, 45, 47, 49, 50, 55, 56, 64, 65, 66, 78, 79 and 80 stand withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner. Only claims 10-12 stand under consideration in this Office Action. Claims 10-11 stand rejected. Claim 12 has been objected to but does not stand rejected. No claim stands allowed.